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The Leading Edge

Commentary

*by Col. Jon Flaughter
Wing Commander*



There are many exciting things going on for Team Griffin (a/k/a the 144th Fighter Wing). I've been asked about various efforts to obtain new and lasting equipment for our primary mission, which is providing air superiority and air sovereignty capability for the U.S. Air Force.

First, however, I'd like to thank everyone who put forth their outstanding efforts to allow the 144th the opportunity to make good on its much touted "Main Operating Base (MOB)" capability to rapidly react to developing events and expand our defense of America. When the F-15 fleet was grounded due to concerns over structural issues and air worthiness, the 144th was asked to fill a gap in the air sovereignty mission on the northwest corner of the United States. The wing responded as advertised without missing a beat.

With a short notice heads-up, our folks rapidly deployed personnel and aircraft to Portland ANG Base, Ore., for an estimated two-week timeframe to fly their mission while their aircraft were grounded. However, in reality, the 144th maintained guardianship of the entire west coast for nearly two months. Not a small feat considering all the other requirements on our plate. Our Griffin maintainers really stepped up generating additional alert aircraft and still kept aircraft flying to maintain critical pilot's currency requirements. In addition, maintenance continued to provide alert aircraft here at home and at our March Air

Reserve Base detachment.

Our energetic, professional logisticians responded quickly, verifying taskings, arranging transport, and shepherding assets back and forth to get the job done while the operators quickly became familiar and comfortable operating the aircraft in another very complicated area of responsibility. Of course they were all given expert support from many areas in the wing to include our finance and personnel folks cutting orders and getting resources squared away. I'm sure there are other folks out there who also contributed in many ways highlighting the "one team, one fight" concept of Team Griffin. The success of such a superb effort validated our MOB and area expansion concept with many folks on the east coast and earned the wing praise at the highest levels.

The 144th is now being firmly included in plans to update our older equipment and remain a pillar in the critical mission of protecting our homeland. The primary reason we are in the driver's seat for this critical capability is of course our location on a strategic coastal corner of the U.S. mainland. Your great efforts are ensuring this is being recognized where it counts in upper echelons. Although there are movements in political circles to possibly base F-22s in Fresno, we will continue to pursue the F-15 for its increased capabilities. While the F-15 is aging, so too are our F-16s and although the Eagle has had some issues lately, it looks as if those issues will be

fixed in time. Our current F-16s are still a capable fighter for this mission and should last into the mid-part of the next decade; however, it's never too early to get the wheels turning in National Guard critical political and upper echelon spheres of influence. So far, we've had great support from our state headquarters in this area and Maj. Gen. William H. Wade II and Maj. Gen. Dennis G. Lucas articulate our state's on-going requirements.

In addition, we have great support from all our political representation including Senators Feinstein and Boxer, and Congressmen Nunes, Costa, and Radanovich. Of course closer to home, our very own district representative, Councilman Larry Westerlund, has been extremely active drumming up support for the 144th at home, in the state, and in Washington, D.C. As an interesting side note, the Councilman is also a Navy Reservist and will soon be serving a one-year tour with Command Headquarters in Baghdad, Iraq.

Having lasting aircraft and a mission (which I do not see going away anytime in the foreseeable future) means that all members of the 144th should feel very secure about continuing opportunities to contribute to the nation's defense through service in the Air National Guard here in Fresno. It takes each and every one of us, at all levels to complete not only our fighter aircraft missions, but all of the missions assigned to Team Griffin. ***I salute you all.***



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February 22, 2008, members of the 144th Civil Engineering Squadron take part in combat field training exercises at Camp San Luis Obispo.



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Feature story

By Capt. Heather Pratt

2007 Year in Review



Photo by Senior Airman Diane Ducat

Members of the Detachment at March ARB on Oct. 2, 2007, shortly after the alert site transitioned back to the 144th FW.

The 144th Fighter Wing reached new heights during 2007 when, for the first time in history, the wing was responsible for defending the entire west coast of the United States. With the return of the wing's detachment at Riverside and the F-15 grounding in November, the 144th supported the Global War on Terrorism both at home and abroad with many wing members deploying to Portland, Ore., and around the world in support of Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom.

This year the 144th continued to support our nation's effort to secure the borders as part of Operation Jump Start; deploying 22 people and various equipment to numerous locations along the southern border of California. Wing members also deployed around the state for "Operation Fall Blaze" supporting the state's first responders in extinguishing fires in southern California.

Highlighting the importance of training and proficiency, the wing deployed its maintainers, pilots, aircraft and support personnel to Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla.,

to support further training and weapons testing and development. Our pilots were some of the first to fire the new AIM-9X missile. As part of a second deployment to Klamath Falls Air National Guard Base, Ore., for exercise Sentry Eagle, wing pilots assumed the role of the enemy, conducting dissimilar air combat training against aircraft other than the F-16.



Photo by Master Sgt. Matthew Millson

Members of the medical group deployed for a medical readiness training exercise to Managua, Nicaragua, where they treated nearly 8,000 patients. Additionally, they filled over 22,000 prescriptions, issued 1,466 eye glasses, and extracted over 450 teeth during this two-week deployment.

The civil engineering squadron deployed members to Moose Jaw Air Base, Saskatchewan, Canada, as part of a deployed field training exercise supporting the Canadian defense construction exercise, Winged Beaver 2007. They rebuilt a hockey arena, including the locker room, erected a masonry brick wall, and completed heating, ventilation, and air conditioning duct work. They later deployed to Tyndall for a Silver Flag exercise where they lived in field conditions and trained on setting up a bare base, an element of the Air Force's core competency of rapid global mobility.

The 144th Fighter Wing continues to serve as the lead California ANG unit for the state's Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, High Yield Explosive Enhanced Response Force Package (CERFP) and participated in three training exercises over the course of the year demonstrating their readiness.

As a wing that is truly integrated into the community, the 144th continued to actively

support the citizens of California by supporting organizations such as "Tree Fresno," "Habitat for Humanity Fresno," and the Fresno "Community Food Bank." In addition, the wing also continued with their longtime support of programs like "Toys for Tots," and "Silent Sleigh," a program designed for hearing impaired children to communicate with Santa Claus through sign language. The



Photo by Senior Master Sgt Chris Drudge
Lt. Col. Doug Weskamp and Col. Chris Bricker, both from the 144th FW, present Caleb Taraoka with the Wing's first Young Hero's Award.

wing also contributed thousands of dollars to local, non-profit organizations through its "Fighter Pilot for a Day" program. The wing has also initiated a new "Young Heroes" program to recognize youth that have struggled with a life threatening illness. 144th members also served on the Fresno Citizen's Corps board of directors providing expertise in disaster response planning.

This has been a banner year for the 144th's recruiting and retention offices. Not only did they receive the California Air National Guard Commander's Cup Award for the second year in a row, they also received the Retention Office Manager of the Year award.

In 2007, the 144th Fighter Wing flew a total of 2,227 sorties and 3,316 flight hours. Since Sept. 11, 2001, the wing has flown 1,276 combat air patrol sorties and more than 3,485 hours in support of Operation Noble Eagle.

It was another busy and exciting year for the men and women of the 144th Fighter Wing. With the conversion to the Block 32 F-16 complete, the wing remains hard at work and is looking forward to an equally productive year in 2008.

OPSEC



The Operations Security Mindset

Operations security (OPSEC) identifies critical information to determine if friendly actions can be observed by adversary intelligence, determines if information obtained by adversaries could be interpreted to be useful to them, and then executes measures that eliminate or reduce adversary exploitation of friendly critical information.

OPSEC denies critical information to an adversary. Unlike security programs that seek to protect classified information, OPSEC measures identify, control, and protect unclassified information that is associated with sensitive operations and activities.

OPSEC is not only a methodology, but also a mindset, and has its roots in the Vietnam conflict. Concerned with intelligence leaks to the enemy, Admiral Ulysses Sharp created the "purple dragon" team, which created the OPSEC process that is used today.

The OPSEC process consists of five distinct actions.

- **Identification of Critical Information.** The identification of critical information (information that is vitally needed by an adversary) is important in that it focuses the remainder of the OPSEC process on protecting vital information, rather than attempting to protect all classified or sensitive unclassified information.

- **Analysis of Threats.** This action involves the research and analysis of intelligence, counterintelligence, and open source information to identify who the likely adversaries are in the planned operation.

- **Analysis of Vulnerabilities.** This action involves examining each aspect of the planned operation to identify OPSEC indicators that could reveal critical information and then comparing those indicators with the adversary's intelligence collection capabilities identified in the previous action.

- **Assessment of Risk.** First, planners analyze the vulnerabilities identified in the previous action and identify possible OPSEC measures for each vulnerability. Second, specific OPSEC measures are selected for execution based upon a risk assessment done by the commander and staff.

- **Application of Appropriate OPSEC Measures.** The command implements the OPSEC measures selected in the assessment of risk action or, in the case of planned future operations and activities, includes the measures in specific OPSEC plans.

Contact the OPSEC officer Lt. Col. Dave Johnston at 454-5188 for questions on OPSEC or 144 FW critical indicators.

Falcon Feature

By 1st Lt. Theresa M. Chrystal



As a pilot and Assistant Weapons Officer for the 194th Fighter Squadron, 1st Lt. Luke T. Campagne was nominated for this month's Falcon Feature by the Operations Group for being an outstanding Airman.

Lieutenant Campagne hails from Sanger, Calif., and was born and raised here in the San Joaquin Valley. He grew up on his parents' citrus farm outside Sanger with his brother and two sisters.

With almost eight years of service in the Air National Guard, he enlisted in June 2000 with the 144th Fighter Wing into the Aircrew Life Support career field while attending Fresno State.

He served as an enlisted member for four years before being selected to become a pilot. Lt. Campagne received numerous awards and recognition throughout his training. He received the River Rat Wingman Award during his F-16 Basic Qualification Course at Luke AFB, Ariz.; the Air Education and Training Command Trophy, the 71st Operations Group Flight Training Award, and Distinguished Graduate during his Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training at Vance AFB, Okla.; and was also a Distinguished Graduate from the

Academy of Military Science at McGhee-Tyson ANGB, Tenn., where he earned his commission. Upon completion of training, Lt. Campagne returned to the squadron as a pilot just over a year ago.

He joined the California Air National Guard because he ultimately wanted to fly the F-16 in his hometown. In college, he first joined ROTC in hopes of flying for the Air Force. According to Campagne, "Thankfully, I met Lt. Col. John Cotter (of the 144th) and learned of the opportunities available to me here in the valley. Shortly after that conversation, I left ROTC to enlist in our unit."

Lieutenant Campagne's goals are to have a long and successful career here at the 144th Fighter Wing. Above all, he hopes his service will be as productive and useful to our nation as possible. "Whether it is on alert ready to participate in air defense domestically for Operation Noble Eagle or, hopefully, one day being able to help my military brethren overseas, I just want to help out and do my part," said Campagne.

Campagne truly believes that the Guard offers individuals the ability to serve our nation's military while at the same time being able to enjoy the stability of a permanent home station. This was one of the largest contributing factors in his decision to join the unit compared to active duty. Also, he stated that with the numerous employment opportunities available, members can fill their plate with as much or as little as they want to meet their own needs and goals. This, of course, he mentions is in addition to the Guard's other benefits such as education assistance, bonuses, and other perks.

The last good movie he saw was American Gangster while on alert. "The Air Force tries to keep us well entertained while on alert with lots of newly released movies," said Campagne. "You name the movie, and I've seen it!"

The last book he read was *Wings of Fury* by Robert Wilcox which is a compilation of true accounts of fighter pilots that spans from Vietnam to the Gulf War. "I like to live vicariously through the stories of great fighter pilots from our history.. while sitting alert of course."

His hobbies include snow skiing, water skiing, hunting, and home improvement projects. He is also a member of the Red River Valley Fighter Pilot's Association.

In his final thoughts, Lt. Campagne said he admires the men and women overseas giving their blood, sweat and tears to our military and ultimately our nation accomplishing the mission at hand. "They are being challenged physically, mentally, and emotionally every day, making selfless sacrifices for others each day. For that I admire them."

When asked what he sees at the end of his career, he said he's not quite sure just yet. "Hopefully that's not for quite a while, and I have some time to think about it. There are too many things to do before I leave," he said.

Recent Events

Around The Wing

Chief Retires After Nearly 40 Years

**By Lt. Col. John Cotter and
1st Lt. Theresa M. Chrystal**

Chief Master Sgt. Michael Pretzer, 144th Security Forces Squadron Superintendent, retired Jan. 31, 2008, just shy of an entire forty years of service to our state and nation - almost twenty of them being at the top of the enlisted ranks.

Chief Pretzer enlisted in the California Air National Guard on Sept. 14, 1968, and spent his entire service committed to the 144th Fighter Wing in Fresno. The Chief pinned on his top three stripes on March 13, 1988.

During Chief Pretzer's tenure with Security Forces, all graded higher headquarters inspections and evaluations were rated "outstanding," - an accomplishment most certainly rare to be obtained throughout the Air Force and the Air National Guard.

During his retirement ceremony held during the March UTA, Brig. Gen. Mary J. Kight, the Assistant Adjutant General for the California National Guard, commended Chief Pretzer for his many years of service and exceptional leadership of the



Photo by Senior Master Sgt. Chris Drudge

Security Forces Squadron. "He is loved and respected by everyone," said Brig. Gen. Kight. "He always shared his wisdom and experience, and never hesitated to provide guidance to those he led."

As he spoke, Chief Pretzer reminisced on the wonderful times and great camaraderie with the members of the squadron and wing. He reflected on beginning his career as a military policeman, becoming a security police member, and then finally joining security forces. The Office of Special Investigations also cited his exemplary and productive relationship with them over the years.

According to Col. David Bandini, 144th Mission Support Group

Commander, Chief Pretzer served honorably and will surely be missed. Colonel Bandini asked the Chief during his retirement ceremony if he would stay for a couple more years. The Chief's comment was, "If you can convince the Admiral (referring to his wife), then I'll stay." As Col. Bandini turned to Mrs. Pretzer, she just shook her head. "No," was all she had to say.

General Kight presented a mug to the Chief with the words, "The Boss" and then asked Mrs. Pretzer to come forward to receive her mug which read, "The Real Boss."

Chief Pretzer said he is looking forward to more time spent with family and additional hunting opportunities.

Engineers FTX at Camp SLO

**By Lt. Col. John Cotter and
Staff Sgt. Michael J. Barden**

The 144th Civil Engineering Squadron conducted their annual Field Training Exercise February 21-24 at the Army National Guard's Camp San Luis Obispo.

The squadron convoyed to the Army post to bivouac for four days but was weathered out on the final day due to the extreme high winds and rain that pelted the central California coast.

Before the storms hit, the engineers were able to set up a cantonment area with a secure perimeter, sleeping quarters and command and control facilities. They conducted training in



Photo by Staff Sgt. Michael J. Barden

vehicle and convoy operations and outside-the-wire operations.

The project officer, 1st Lt. Timothy Riley, said the exercise was a big success overall. "This exercise requirement gives us the hands-on training needed for our skills qualifications," said Riley.

According to Riley, the training contributed significantly to the readiness of the Civil Engineering Squadron to carry out their worldwide mission.

The exercise then tasked them

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Fresno Family Readiness Group Wins National Award

By Barbara Draughon



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Mike R. Smith

Air National Guard family readiness representatives from the 144th Fighter Wing, California Air National Guard, accept the Department of Defense Reserve Family Readiness Award for 2007 from the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs Thomas Hall Feb. 15 at the Pentagon.

Selected as the recipient of the 2007 Department of Defense Reserve Family Readiness Award, the 144th Fighter Wing, Fresno, represented California and Air National Guard units across the United States. Attending this prestigious annual award ceremony on Friday, Feb. 15, 2008, at the Pentagon Hall of Heroes, was Laurie Rushie, Wing Operation Ready Families Volunteer Coordinator, Barbara Draughon, Wing Family Program Coordinator (WFPC), Col. Ryan Orian, 144FW Vice Commander, and Col. Dennis Sarkisian, Director of Staff, Air Division, California National Guard.

Winning units from all of the Reserve branches were honored to meet Thomas F. Hall, Assistant Secretary of Defense, Reserve Affairs, who presented the annual commemorative Pentagon plaque, as well as

Vice Admiral Norb Ryan, Jr., United States Navy (Retired), President of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA), who presented a plaque and monetary award for the Unit Family Readiness Group to further their support. Following the ceremony, a reception was hosted by the MOAA. The 144 FW recipients received a tour of the Pentagon by Lt. Col. Thaddeus Kohlweitz, NGB Family Program Office, and a tour of the United States Capitol Building by staff of California Congressman Devin Nunes.

"We love serving our 144th Fighter Wing members and families as well as those from other branches of service, to inform and connect individuals with helpful resources and referrals," commented WFPC Barbara Draughon. "Without a strong group of dedicated, involved, and proactive volunteers, it would

not be possible to effectively assist unit leadership, members, and families in their daily challenges of military life and times of separation during deployment, schooling and training." Laurie Rushie, Wing Volunteer Coordinator expressed, "I feel extremely honored to receive this award on behalf of all of the Operation Ready Families Volunteers of the 144th Fighter Wing, military members, the community, and those behind the scenes. Without their selfless giving of long hours in dedication, kindness, and love, this would not have been possible."

The 144FW was privileged to be the recipient of the 2005 DoD Reserve Family Readiness Award, and the California Adjutant General's Award of Excellence in Family Readiness in consecutive years of 2002-2007.

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to perform mission profiles similar to what they would experience in theater. "The Civil Engineer's Prime Beef (Base Emergency Engineering Force) mission is going to a bare base, which is nothing more than a landing strip and a water source, and build up a tent city to house individuals and to operate out of. We train like we fight and fight like we train," said Lt. Col. Gary Kellogg commander of the 144th CE squadron.

The exercise was conducted with additional support from the 144th Mission Support Flight personnel team as well as members of the 144th Communications Flight.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Michael J. Barden

Members of the 144th Civil Engineering Squadron perform combat field training exercises Feb. 22, at Camp SLO.

"Coming out to Camp San Luis gives us the environment to properly train in," said First Sgt. Donald Branscom.

"We all look forward to this so we will be ready to deploy for a real world event."

Airmen Train in Hawaii

By 1st Lt. Theresa M. Chrystal

The 144th Fighter Wing's Medical Group recently conducted hands-on training alongside Soldiers while visiting Tripler Army Medical Center in Honolulu. Thirty-seven Airmen deployed from Fresno Feb. 2 for their two-week clinical training.

Lieutenant Colonel Theodore Inouye, 144th FW Medical Group Commander, explained that the scope and depth of training possible at a major regional medical center such as Tripler greatly enhanced the unit's readiness for worldwide duty. "The medical group completed most, if not all, of their mission essential training," Inouye said. "The deployment not only reinforced our training skills but was also a tremendous team builder and morale booster."

The clinicians worked side by side with their Army counterparts sharing experiences and practices, facilitating learning by both Soldiers and Airmen. During their visit to the Army hospital, the medical professionals trained with equipment and procedures they rarely have the opportunity to experience at homestation.

According to Senior Master Sgt. Michele Fields, 144th FW Health Systems Technician, the training and experience was very beneficial. "Our members were able

to sign off every one of their Readiness Skills Verification tasks that could not be provided at our base," she said. "The staff at Tripler was very accommodating and provided us with a great training experience."

The Tripler staff echoed the sentiment adding that Tripler is a premier training site and is critical for blue and green to train together. "It will be the medical troops who will be the first to go entirely purple," said Lt. Col. Steve Ferst, Tripler's Chief, Reserve Affairs. "It's important for the readiness of the entire military medical department."

Ferst said that in today's battlefield it is even more important for each of the services to know the other's capabilities since they will be working side by side. "This joint training helps them get over their cultural differences," Ferst said.

According to the Medical Group's trip report, working out of an active duty Army hospital facilitated a better understanding of working in a joint environment. Medical personnel observed an open heart surgery, performed suturing on pig tissue, catheterized patients



Staff Sgt. Mary Danell of the 144th FW's Medical Group practices suturing on a piece of pig tissue while deployed to Tripler Army Medical Center in Honolulu Feb. 5, 2008.

and trained in real-world emergency room operations.

Dental personnel also received valuable training where they performed operative dentistry and oral surgery on both military and civilian patients. They also exposed and recalled digital radiographs and input information into advanced computer systems, which are critical in tracking wartime dental readiness.

The dental technicians had the rare opportunity to observe forensic dentistry at the Joint POW/MIA Accountable Command. This forensic lab is the only one in the world identifying the remains of Soldiers.

The lab and drug testing personnel toured Tripler's Urinalysis Drug Testing Lab which processes the testing for the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Air National Guard. The tour provided insight on the importance of proper processing and preparation of urine samples taken at the 144th FW.

During their time off, the clinic members were able to visit historic and cultural sites around the island including Pearl Harbor and the world-famous Waikiki beach.

News Feature

Air Force Chief of Staff Releases Future Roadmap

Washington - The Chief of Staff of the Air Force, Gen. T. Michael Moseley, released the Air Force's weapon system "roadmap," a long-term plan for providing Air Force capabilities the Nation needs in the 21st century to meet threats to the Nation's security.

As part of the Air Force's strategic planning efforts, senior leaders from the Regular Air Force, National Guard and Air Force Reserve gathered in early December to discuss this plan and collaborate on this "roadmap" for the Nation's Air Force, a roadmap designed to meet one of the Nation's most pressing needs: recapitalization and modernization of its aging Air Force fleet.

"Our nation's competitors know that our Air Force provides America its decisive advantage," said General Moseley. "We need to prepare today for tomorrow's challenges. We need one vector to best meet the warfighting requirements of our Nation."

General Moseley's roadmap outlines where future advanced weapon systems could potentially be based in the continental US, Hawaii, Alaska and US territories. The plan calls for the Air Force to evaluate installations which currently house legacy weapon systems forecasted for replacement by future systems.

These "next-generation" capabilities are required to fight and win America's wars, and the roadmap represents a Total Force (Regular Air Force, Air National Guard, and Air Force Reserve) approach to the beddown of weapon systems. Current and future requirements to build the capabilities of international partners will also be considered as part of the beddown decision process.

"We're simply promising a look at these systems and installations



Photo by Senior Master Sgt. Thomas Meneguini

as our planning continues," added General Moseley. "This is the Air Force's planning process for the future, for providing the required force structure that will give our Nation capability for vigilance, reach, and power across the globe, to reassure allies, to deter, dissuade and defeat adversaries, and to protect the Homeland."

The roadmap represents a more efficient and flexible force structure. Although the Air Force will have a smaller total aircraft inventory, overall AF capabilities will increase with each next-generation weapon system. In numerous instances, the potential locations will capitalize on Total Force Integration efforts, creating innovative organizational arrangements among Regular Air Force, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve components. This effort takes advantage of the inherent strengths of each of the three components.

Installations that meet preliminary objective requirements will then undergo thorough environmental studies in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). NEPA mandates environmental analyses and impact studies which are critical factors in determining final beddown bas-

es in the US as suitable locations for weapon systems. These major studies take time, may consider either one or several installations in a single study and may not be initiated at every potential location. The findings of these environmental studies, and the results of required fiscal and operational analyses which will be conducted over the next several years, will determine the final beddown plan and phasing.

The plans released today do not include possible basing initiatives on foreign soil. Overseas basing of Air Force future weapon systems will be accomplished in partnership with allies using normal consultative planning venues.

Global Vigilance

Airmen provide our Nation Global Vigilance--a system of "eyes and ears" to see and sense anything on the face of the Earth from the vantage of air, space, and cyberspace. Airmen watch and listen across the electromagnetic spectrum, and put that information into context, providing decision-quality intelligence to political leaders, joint and combined commanders, and combatants the world over.

In addition to the current bed-

down, US locations recently added or planned as possible contributors to Global Vigilance include the following bases, by weapon system:

MQ-1 Predator

- Cannon AFB, NM;
- Ellington Field, TX;
- Fort Huachuca/Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ;
- Grand Forks AFB/Hector International Airport, ND; and
- March Air Reserve Base/Southern California Logistics Airport, CA.

RQ-4 Global Hawk

- Grand Forks AFB, ND; and
- Andersen AFB, GU (Guam).

Distributed Common Ground

System (Processing, Exploitation, and Dissemination of Intelligence Data)

- Hulman Regional Airport, IN; and
- Otis ANGB, MA.

Global Reach

The Air Force provides the Nation unrivalled Global Reach throughout the world.

Airmen deliver the goods, the gas and their fellow warfighters beyond oceans, in hostile territory, and across the last tactical mile, relying on the range, payload, and speed of mobility aircraft. The Air Force's Global Reach allows our joint military forces to hold targets or activities at risk; to communicate with, command, supply, rescue, support, or destroy them; and to reach into the far regions of space and cyberspace with a variety of payloads.

In addition to the current bed-down, US locations being considered as possible contributors to Global Reach include the following bases, by weapon system:

KC-X (Next-generation tanker aircraft)

- Altus AFB, OK;
- Andrews AFB, MD;
- Bangor IAP, ME;
- Birmingham IAP, AL;
- Edwards AFB, CA;
- Eielson AFB, AK;
- Fairchild AFB, WA;
- Forbes Field, KS;
- Grand Forks AFB, ND;

- Grissom ARB, IN;
- Hickam AFB, HI;
- Lincoln Municipal Airport, NE;
- MacDill AFB, FL;
- March ARB, CA;
- McConnell AFB, KS;
- McGhee Tyson Airport, TN;
- McGuire AFB, NJ;
- Pease ANGB, NH;
- Phoenix Sky Harbor IAP, AZ;
- Pittsburgh IAP, PA;
- Rickenbacker IAP, OH;
- Salt Lake City IAP, UT;
- Scott AFB, IL;
- Selfridge ANGB, MI;
- Seymour Johnson AFB, NC;
- Sioux Gateway Airport, IA;

and

- Tinker AFB, OK.

Joint Cargo Aircraft

- WK Kellogg Airport, MI;
- Bradley IAP, CT;
- Hector IAP, ND;
- Key Field, MS;
- Luiz Munoz IAP, PR (Puerto Rico);
- Mansfield Regional Airport, OH; and
- Martin State Airport, MD.

Global Power

Airmen deliver our Nation's Global Power with unique speed and precision, serving to deter and dissuade future foes before combat is ever joined. Global Power extends beyond kinetic strikes. Airmen also deliver critical non-kinetic effects, such as the searching for and rescuing isolated personnel hundreds of miles behind enemy lines.

In addition to the current bed-down, US locations considered as possible contributors to Global Power include the following bases, excluding overseas locations, by weapon system:

CSAR-X (Combat Search and Rescue Helicopter)

- Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ;
- Francis-Gabreski ANGB, NY;
- Kirtland AFB, NM;
- Elmendorf AFB, AK;
- Moffett Field, CA;
- Moody AFB, GA;
- Nellis AFB, NV; and
- Patrick AFB, FL.

F-35A Lightning II

- Andrews AFB, MD;

- Barksdale AFB, LA;
- Boise Air Terminal, ID;
- Buckley AFB, CO;
- Burlington IAP, VT;
- Dannelly Field, AL;
- Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ;
- Des Moines IAP, IA;
- Duluth IAP, MN;
- Edwards AFB, CA;
- Eglin AFB, FL;
- Eielson AFB, AK;
- Fort Smith Municipal Airport, AR;

- Fort Wayne IAP; IN;
- NAS JRB Fort Worth, TX;
- Hill AFB, UT;
- Homestead ARB, FL;
- Kelly Field Annex, TX;
- Kirtland AFB, NM;
- Luke AFB, AZ;
- Madison Truax Field, WI;
- Martin State Airport, MD;
- Moody AFB, GA;
- Mountain Home AFB, ID;
- Nellis AFB, NV;
- Selfridge ANGB, MI;
- Seymour Johnson AFB, NC;
- Shaw AFB/McEntire ANGB, SC;

- Sioux Falls Joe Foss Field, SD;
- Toledo Express IAP, OH;
- Tucson IAP, AZ;
- Tulsa IAP, OK; and
- Whiteman AFB, MO.

F-35A Lightning II or F-22 Raptor

- Atlantic City IAP, NJ;
- Barnes ANGB, MA;
- Fresno Air Terminal, CA;
- Great Falls IAP, MT;
- Jacksonville IAP, FL;
- Klamath Falls IAP, OR;
- NAS JRB New Orleans, LA; and
- Portland IAP, OR.

F-22 Raptor

- Hickam AFB, Hawaii; and
- Holloman AFB, NM.

Next-Generation Bomber

- Dyess AFB, TX;
- Ellsworth AFB, SD;
- Barksdale AFB, LA; and
- Minot AFB, ND.

MQ-9 Reaper

- Cannon AFB, NM; and
- Fort Drum/Syracuse, NY.

CV-22 Osprey

- Cannon AFB, NM.

Safety Scene

By Lt. Col. Thomas A. Best

Motor Vehicle Safety

As many of you may already know, one of our fellow Airmen was seriously injured in a recent automobile accident. He survived, however, he will have to undergo numerous operations and spend months in recovery. Also, less than a year ago, we unfortunately lost one of our Airmen in an automobile accident. As tragic as both of these events were, they were also statistically predictable. I am not suggesting that anyone could have predicted these specific mishaps, but it is possible that everyone could have predicted the type of mishap.

At the last commander's call (which was shortly after the fatal mishap) I told everyone present that if I had to predict what our next serious mishap would be, it would be an off-duty Personal Motor Vehicle mishap. Unfortunately, I was correct although it happened sooner rather than later. Was I able to predict this mishap because of some innate prescient abilities? No. It was mundane pedestrian statistics. It is also mundane pedestrian statistics which allow us to make the following Nostradamus-like prediction: our next serious mishap will be an off-duty PMV accident.

Every year the number one cause of serious injuries and fatalities in the Air Force is,



(you guessed it), off-duty PMV accidents. The tragedy is that most of these mishaps are preventable. The good news is that the actions required to prevent these types of mishaps are relatively easy and painless to do. I've broken it down into three simple steps. So simple, in fact, that even a pilot can do them.

1. Don't Drink and Drive.

The number one contributing factor to most motor vehicle accidents is alcohol. Anyone who doesn't possess the cognitive capacity to understand why driving under the influence is a bad idea should probably be locked up in a rubber room so they don't harm themselves or anyone else.

2. Don't Speed. The number two contributing factor is excessive speed. California Civil Code 22350 states that "No person shall drive a vehicle upon a highway at a speed greater than is reasonable . . . and in no event at a speed which endangers the safety of persons or property." Just because a

road has a specific speed limit doesn't mean that it is safe to drive at that speed (or faster). Factors such as road conditions, visibility, traffic, etc. may make it more prudent to slow down.

3. Wear Your Seat Belt (or Helmet). Assuming that you are following the first two steps above, there are still some situations that cannot be prevented. When these situations arise, protective equipment such as seat belts and helmets will help to prevent (if not eliminate) serious injuries and/or death.

Any time we lose one of our fellow Airmen or one is injured, there is a profound effect on many people - family, friends and co-workers are all affected. There is also an effect on that Airman's unit and the unit's ability to complete its mission. If a majority of these tragedies can be prevented, (which I believe they can), then why wouldn't we do everything in our power to prevent them from ever happening. Considering how simple some of the preventative steps are, it boggles the mind to understand why people continually get injured or killed the same way time and time again. With all of this being said, I still stand by previous prediction: our next serious mishap will be an off-duty PMV accident. Please do everything in your power to prove me wrong.

The Safety Office can be reached at extension 5175.

If you notice any potential safety hazards on base, please contact our office.

Chief's Corner

Al-Qaida Eyes Troops' MySpace Pages

Britain's Security Service has asked British troops to remove all personal details they posted over the Christmas period on the social networking websites Facebook, MySpace and Friends Reunited. Internet analysts discovered al-Qaida operatives had been monitoring the websites to gather details that could be used to launch terror attacks. Analysts have seen that many thousands of servicemen and women had posted personal details on those websites and had included news of their careers, pictures of themselves in uniforms and details of past postings. Those details in the hands of al-Qaida operatives offer invaluable information.

We now know al-Qaida is using hundreds of false accounts to access the personal pages of many service personnel listed on regimental forums on the site, states the document. Many of the soldiers gave their full names, dates of birth, home towns, names of family members, girlfriends or wives, the locations of where they had served and photos posing with colleagues and weapons. That kind of detail, warns the document, is pure gold to terrorists. It can enable them to plot an attack as never before; and not only on targets in the field, but against the families of those soldiers.

Although this report is about U.K. soldiers using MySpace, it is almost certain that terrorists and criminals are looking to gather information about U.S. forces. It is probable that criminals and extremist groups are also conducting similar searches on law enforcement or government personnel. Officials should take care to refrain from putting too much personal information on social networking sites.



Inspection Tips

by Chief Master Sgt. Robert A. Reynolds

Over the May UTA, the 144th Fighter Wing will host the Logistics Standardization & Evaluation Team (LSET) evaluators who will inspect the Maintenance Group and Logistics Readiness Squadron. The LSET consists of 30-35 evaluators from other ANG units who have volunteered to review our processes and make recommendations for our upcoming Unit Compliance Inspection (UCI) in August. Many of our unit members have never had the experience of a face-to-face meeting with an inspector.

Here are a few thoughts to help prepare you for such an encounter:

1. In most cases, the evaluator/inspector is a Subject Matter Expert (SME) in the area they are inspecting. They know what the regulations say and most have years of personal experience in the subject.
2. The inspectors are here to see how we conduct business and if are we complying with official policies, directives, regulations, and technical data relating to our jobs.
3. Always be professional, courteous and respectful to an evaluator/inspector and always address them by their military rank. If they need assistance finding a particular work center, escort them to it.
4. Your personal appearance should match or exceed theirs. Make sure your last trim was yesterday. Remember, first impressions leave the greatest image. We want the inspection team to know we are the best at what we do.
5. If you are asked a question about a specific issue, take pride in your answer. Be positive and accurate to the best of your knowledge. Never fabricate an answer that is not factual. Many times an inspector will ask how a process works. They already know how it should work but are checking at different levels within the unit to confirm whether or not the process is working. If you do not know the answer, state so, and then get the answer from your chain of command beginning with your immediate supervisor.
6. Learn and master the basic core tasks for your profession and be proud to show what you know. If the job requires Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), put it on like you could do it in your sleep. Trying to figure out how to operate a spray mask with an inspector watching is not the time. Also, ensure your PPE is in serviceable condition.

Always remember you're a member of the 144th Fighter Wing - the finest fighter wing in the Combat Air Force. Regardless of your position in the unit, from the wing commander down to the newest recruit, each of you is an ambassador. Stand tall, speak with authority and at the end of the day you can be proud of a job well done. Good luck to everyone and let's show them how it's done!

Briefs

Softball Tournament

The 144th Fighter Wing is looking for individuals to participate in the 43rd Annual Air National Guard Softball Tournament being held in Panama City, Fla., August 6-8. The first team meeting will be at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday of April drill at the Granite Park parking lot located at 4000 Cedar Avenue with a light practice to follow. During the meeting, transportation to and from Florida and billeting arrangements will be discussed. All military members and dependents are welcome to participate. The wing is planning on entering as many as four teams: Men's Open, Men's 35 & Over, CoEd and Women's Open. For more information, contact Staff Sgt. Geno Amezcua at 454-5220 or 209-595-1583.

Tricare Reserve Select

Tricare Reserve Select offers coverage comparable to Tricare Standard and Extra and features open enrollment, increased availability to survivors, and no activation requirements. Tiers, service agreements and differing premium levels are no longer elements of the program. The only restriction is that Selected Reserve members eligible for the Federal Health Employee Benefits program, or currently covered under FEHB, may not participate in TRS.

Monthly premiums are \$81 for service members and \$253 for member-and-family coverage. Reserve members can find out more about TRS and download the information through "My Benefits" portal at www.tricare.mil. Additional information is available on the "Entitlements" Web page at www.arpc.afrc.af.mil/entitlements.

Testing Days

Due to lack of testing attendance, Base Training is scaling back to one scheduled test session per week. The Base Training Office will be testing every Wednesday at 8:00 a.m. This change only affects the day and time of testing and will be effective starting March 5, 2008. If the test session is full, Base Training will arrange for a special test session based on overflow attendees of three or more, or they will schedule the member as the first priority in the next scheduled session. Please note this will not change the UTA testing days. If you have any questions, please call the Base Training Office at 454-5280.

Gym Hours

Due to security issues that are being worked, the operations gym will be open to non-ops folks only during the 7 am to 4 pm until further notice.

AAFES

The Army & Air Force Exchange Service is extending a host of straight "A" savings to military students who maintain a "B" average. Students are eligible to receive a variety of complimentary exchange offers for every qualifying report card they bring home.

In addition to money saving offers, an entry form for a quarterly savings bond drawing in which three winners are randomly awarded savings bonds of \$2,000, \$3,000 or \$5,000 is provided.

Students may receive one coupon package for every qualifying report card, but may enter the savings bond drawing only once per calendar quarter. Military families can contact their local AAFES Main Store Manager or General Manager for more information.

Above All

The Air Force has a new slogan: Above All. The slogan is part of a new recruiting and awareness campaign that launched last week and will be featured on television, in print and online. In addition to being shown at several sporting events, "Above All" ads will be seen in magazines and during commercial breaks on many top-rated commercial and television news and entertainment programs.

More information on the "Above All" campaign can be seen on the Air Force Portal.

Motorcycle Rider's Safety Course

The Motorcycle Rider's Safety Course is scheduled for the following dates, which are all on Saturday and Sunday from 8 am to 4 pm in the Security Forces classroom. All classroom materials are provided.

14 - 15 Jun 08 13 - 14 Sep 08
15 - 16 Nov 08

This course is certified by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation. A minimum of five hours classroom instruction prepares the student for at least ten hours of practical riding in a controlled, off-street environment. Students must use their own motorcycles and riding equipment. The course is free of charge for military members. Military dependents are also permitted to attend the course with a waiver agreement.

The maximum quota for each class is 11 students. Contact Tech. Sgt. Mike Smith in Security Forces at Michael.Smith@cafres.ang.af.mil. Sign up by the Wednesday prior to the class date. All instructors provide this course on a voluntary basis. If a minimum of 6 students are not scheduled for the course, it will be cancelled until the next scheduled date.

Finance closed for training

The finance office will be closed for UCI preparations Monday through Friday from 7:30-9:30 a.m. daily until the inspection concludes. As always, feel free to e-mail any inquiries you might have to the following addresses: military/civilianpay@cafres.ang.af.mil or travelpay@cafres.ang.af.mil.

Admin position open in Public Affairs

Are you interested in joining our staff in the newly merged Public Affairs/Multimedia office? We have a position open for an administrative assistant to help keep us organized and on top of our requirements. If you are interested, please contact the recruiters or call Lt. Col. John Cotter at extension 5367 for more information.

6th Annual Teen Adventure Camp

The 6th Annual California National Guard Teen Adventure Camp is scheduled for June 21-27 at Camp San Luis Obispo. More information will follow. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact SMSgt. Bruce Hinman at 454-5239 to be added to the list.

District Attorney Recognized

The 144th Fighter Wing honored Tulare County's district attorney for his support of employees in the National Guard and Reserve who are called from their regular duties to defend their country.

District Attorney Phil Cline received the Patriotic Employer Award during the March 4 meeting of the Tulare County Board of Supervisors.

Colonel Ryan Orian, vice commander of 144th Fighter Wing of the Fresno Air National Guard, presented Cline with the award.

Cline was nominated by deputy district attorney Ian Marty, a technical sergeant with the Air National Guard.

2008 Chief of Staff Reading List

Chief of Staff of the United States Air Force Gen. T. Michael Moseley has put out the first quarter edition of his 2008 reading list. The three books are, in order of recommendation, *Louis Johnson and the Arming of America: The Roosevelt and Truman Years*, by Keith D. McFarland and David L. Roll; *Why Air Forces Fail: The Anatomy of defeat*, by Robin Higham and Stephen J. Harris; *The Crisis of Islam: Holy War and Unholy Terror*, by Bernard Lewis.

Free Tax Service

Military Onesource has a link to H&R Block's on-line Tax Cut Basic program, which is free to military members. Find it at www.militaryonesource.com.

G-RAP offers bonus for officer accessions

The Guard Recruiting Assistance Program is excited to announce a new Officer promotion that will allow Active Recruiting Assistants (RAs) to receive \$4,000 for their qualified Officer accessions. RAs will receive an initial \$2,000 payment if their Potential Officer enlists on or between the promotional periods of 1 March 2008 through 30 September 2008. RAs will receive a subsequent \$2,000 payment upon the completion of a Prior Service Officer's 90-day affiliation. For Non-Prior Service Officers, a second payment of \$2,000 will be made to the RA upon their nominee's successful shipment to the Academy of Military Science (AMS)*.

A nominee must have an enlistment date of 1 March 2008 – 30 September 2008 to qualify for the initial \$2,000 incentive.

*Non-prior Service members must ship to AMS by 31 October 2008 to be eligible for the second \$2,000 payment.

Please contact a member of the G-RAP team at 866-566-2472 with any questions regarding the qualification criteria.

** Shipments occurring on or after 1 Nov 08 will not qualify for the additional incentive compensation. Enlistments that occur within the promotional timeframe but do not result in an AMS shipment by 31 Oct 08 will be considered paid in full upon the \$2,000 enlistment payment. Enlistment dates are confirmed through both the AFRISS and MilPDS systems. The RA must fulfill their G-RAP obligations outlined in the training module "Responsibilities of a Recruiting Assistant" prior to the disbursement of payments. Potential Officer Nominations made prior to the effective dates of the promotion are eligible provided that the enlistment occurs during the promotional time period.

For additional information on the G-RAP, log on to www.guardrecruitingassistant.com or call toll free 1-866-566-2472.

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Solution at www.sudoku-puzzles.net
puzzle #136588195



Eagle Eyes in action

Recently, a man was spotted at the end of the runway photographing our F-16s as they approached for landing. The incident caused a pilot on his way to lunch to turn around and copy down the vehicle's license plate number.

The suspicious activity was significant and was reported to an Air Force Antiterrorism Officer. The "Eagle Eyes" of one individual could have prevented a potentially bad situation from becoming worse.

Eagle Eyes is an OSI antiterrorism initiative that enlists the eyes and ears of Airmen, civilians and family members in the war on terrorism. It is designed to train civilians and servicemembers to recognize elements of potential terrorist activity. Additionally, it allows for rapid follow-up investigations and information sharing with other commands and law enforcement agencies.

It is critical that every military member, family member, and as many civilians as we can touch, report any activity that seems out of place. This concept will help not only an Air Force base itself but surrounding communities as well.

Eagle Eyes works because every terrorist act is preceded by observable planning activities, and when you know what to look for and how to report it, terrorist acts can be prevented. It is important because law enforcement officers can't be everywhere. We need the eyes and ears of the entire community.

Items that Eagle Eyes partici-

pants can report include:

- Surveillance: Someone recording or monitoring activities.

- Elicitation: People or organizations attempting to gain information about military operations or capabilities.

- Tests of security: Any attempts to measure reaction times to security breaches or to penetrate physical security barriers or procedures in order to assess strengths and weaknesses.

- Acquiring supplies: Purchasing or stealing explosives, weapons or ammunition.

- Suspicious persons out of place.

- Dry run: Putting people into position and moving them around according to their plan without committing the terrorist act.

- Deploying assets: People and supplies getting into position to commit the act.

Eagles Eyes is a new program, but it follows principles already in place for servicemembers.

We all took an oath to defend our nation from all enemies, foreign and domestic, and we are taking the fight to the terrorists so our sons and daughters don't have to fight them on our soil.

However, it is naive to think that those who would do us harm aren't on our soil right now. It's critical we all keep our Eagle Eyes open, actively looking for and reporting any suspicious activity, be it outside our gate or in the local community. Report anything you see, no matter how insignificant it may seem.

Joint Force Quarterly:

A resource for all

As the Air Force becomes more and more involved in joint operations, all Airmen should strive to gain a better understanding of the joint environment and its missions.

The Joint Force Quarterly is a publication that can help Airmen in their quest for such knowledge. It's published for the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff by the Institute for National Strategic Studies, National Defense University, to promote understanding of the integrated employment of land, sea, air, space, and special operations forces. The current volume, "JFQ issue 49, second quarter, 2008," focuses on airpower.

Here are additional reasons to consider this publication as a valuable resource of joint forces information:

- JFQ is the Chairman's flagship joint military and security studies journal designed to inform members of the U.S. Armed Forces, allies, and other partners on joint and integrated operations; national security policy and strategy; efforts to combat terrorism; homeland security; and developments in training and joint professional military education to transform America's military and security apparatus to better meet tomorrow's challenges while protecting freedom today.

- The journal focuses on joint doctrine, integrated operations, coalition warfare, contingency planning, military operations conducted across the spectrum of conflict, and joint force development.

- It publishes research papers and essays, written by subject matter experts, that promote continuing joint education and improve interagency orchestration of all instruments of national power.

For more information, visit http://www.dtic.mil/doctrine/jel/jfq_pubs/.

If you see something - say something!

Tips can be reported to the Antiterrorism office at 454-5367 or the Security Control Center at 454-5240, 24/7/365

Promotions Dec 1 - Mar 1

MXS	Linh T. Le	TSgt	1-Dec-07	SFS	Christopher R. Inman	SrA	1-Jan-08
MXS	Andrew Strom	TSgt	1-Dec-07	AMS	David J. Minnich	TSgt	15-Jan-08
MDG	Andrea J. Ford	SrA	1-Dec-07	DET-1	Edgar Lara	SrA	28-Jan-08
MDG	Crystal T. Perez	SrA	1-Dec-07	SFS	Branson M. Dykes	SSgt	1-Feb-08
FW	Ryan L. Vargas	SSgt	1-Dec-07	MPF	Christopher S. Arend	TSgt	1-Feb-08
MOF	Bryan D. Saldana	SSgt	14-Dec-07	MXS	David B. Gray	TSgt	13-Feb-08
CF	James M. Hubbard	TSgt	15-Dec-07	MDG	Michelle M. Orozco	SrA	15-Feb-08
MDG	Julio A. Garibay	SSgt	24-Dec-07	CES	Jorge Ruelas	TSgt	15-Feb-08
MXS	Travis E. Penner	SSgt	26-Dec-07	LRS	Knour Nauk	TSgt	16-Feb-08
SFS	Brandon Briskin	SrA	1-Jan-08	MXS	Shade S. Hughes	SrA	1-Mar-08
SFS	William T. Picher	SrA	1-Jan-08	SFS	Anthony Morales	SSgt	1-Mar-08
SFS	Charles R. Williams	SrA	1-Jan-08	AMS	Oleg D. Palms	SSgt	1-Mar-08
MXS	Sarah K. Carden	TSgt	1-Jan-08	SFS	Christopher Rajskup	SSgt	1-Mar-08
AMS	Severin J. Koerner	TSgt	1-Jan-08	MXS	Robert J. Rodriguez	SSgt	1-Mar-08
DET-1	Douglas D. Doniel	TSgt	1-Jan-08	MOF	Darren W. Johnson	TSgt	1-Mar-08

Awards Dec 1 - Mar 1**Meritorious Service Medal**

Lt. Col. Theodore Inouye, Medical Group
 MSgt. Virginia L. Rogers, Fighter Wing
 CMSgt. Michael A. Pretzer, Security Forces
 Squadron

Air Force Commendation Medal

TSgt. Andrew J. Small, Civil Engineering
 Squadron

Retention**ATTENTION
TO RETENTION**

By Master Sgt. Nelda Lopez
Retention Office Manager

Let's share the news! Let's spread the word!
 The following AFSCs are eligible for enlisting and
 re-enlisting incentives:

Aircraft Armament (2W1X1)
Aircraft Fuel Systems (2A6X4)
Aircrew Egress Systems (2A6X3)
Aircraft Hydraulic Systems (2A6X5)
Aircraft Structural Maintenance (2A7X3)
Avionics Systems F-16(2A3X2A)
Bioenvironmental Engineering (4BOX1)
**Electrical & Environmental Systems
 (2A6X6)**
Ground Radio Communications (2E1X3)
Intelligence (1NOX1)
Munitions Systems (2W0X1)
Medical Services Apprentice (4NOX1)
Pavements & Construction Equip. (3E2X1)
Security Forces Apprentice (3POX1)
Services Apprentice (3MOX1)
Structural Maintenance (3E3X1)

Tactical Aircraft Maintenance (2A3X3B)
Utilities Systems (3E4X1)
Vehicle Operator (2T1X1)
Weather (1W0X1)

The following enlistment and re-enlistment
 cash bonus amounts are valid from Jan. 1,
 2008, through Sept. 30, 2008.

Non-Prior Service = \$20,000

Prior Service, 6-year enlistment = \$15,000

Prior Service, 3-year enlistment = \$7,500

Re-enlistment, 6-year = \$15,000; 3-year =
 \$7,500 & Subsequent 3-year = \$6,000

Affiliation (member enlisting directly from
 Active Duty Air Force or Inactive Ready
 Reserve),

6-year = \$20,000; 3-year = \$10,000

Enlisted Student Loan Repayment Program
 = Up to \$20,000 maximum

Don't forget there are specific details to
 review regarding all of the qualifications to be
 eligible. Please don't hesitate to ask.

For those of us that are already a member
 of the 144th Fighter Wing, **be proud, be
 motivated, be focused, be positive, be a
 mentor, be a Recruiter, let's talk about
 Retention!**

144th Fighter Wing's Web site Changes

Effective mid-March the 144th Fighter Wing's Web site will consolidate into the Air Force Public Web. The Air National Guard began migrating to the AFPW earlier this year and all units must complete migration by Oct. 1, 2009.

With the 144th's Web site migration complete, the unit will be one of the first in the ANG to utilize the new consolidated system.

The current Web site's address 'www.fresno.ang.af.mil' will be directed to the new address 'www.144fw.ang.af.mil.'

Flight Lines Goes Digital

As of this issue, the Flight Lines is available on our new Web site. All further issues except special publications will be distributed via e-mail with an attached link to the new issue. For this reason, the Flight Lines' Staff asks that all interested parties e-mail their current preferred e-mail address to 144publicaffairs@cafres.ang.af.mil.



Screen capture of the 144th FW migrated Web site. The Web site is part of the Air Force Public Web Program which creates a standardized format for all AF public Web sites.



One last pull does the trick for the 326th Training Squadron during the April 14 Warrior Challenge tug-of-war competition at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

Revisiting Basic Military Training at Lackland AFB By Chief Master Sgt. Robert S. Hanes

During our lives, we develop many memories of various places, people and events. Some of them we pause to reflect on, while others we would go to great lengths to avoid repeating. As we go through our daily routines and travels, we are sometimes jolted back in time when sparked by an external stimulus. Who hasn't faded back to an old memory when hearing a particular song on the radio, seeing an old friend, smelling a familiar scent, or revisiting a particular place? I would like to share a recent experience I had, which was certainly a trip down memory lane, as well as share some observations regarding how much things have changed in regards to this specific event.

One of the truly rewarding aspects as the 144th Fighter Wing's Aircraft Maintenance Squadron Superintendent is the ability to attend graduation ceremonies of individuals from my squadron as they graduate from Airmen Leadership School, the NCO Academy, and the Senior NCO Academy. I recently

had the opportunity to attend an NCO Academy graduation at Lackland Air Force Base. Talk about déjà vu! This was more than just an ordinary memory – it was bittersweet and a time that will live on in my mind forever.

During my visit to Lackland, I couldn't help but reflect on the fact that this was where my military career had all begun. The memory of that six-week journey conjured up all kinds of emotions. I expect that many enlisted Airmen might also reflect back on their stay at Lackland and have similar thoughts. For me personally, those certainly aren't the worst memories I have, but I never anticipated revisiting them to this extent. I suspect that for most of us the mere thought of revisiting Lackland results in a moderate-to-severe case of the Hebe-gebe's (whatever that is) or, at the very least, a rise in blood pressure.

One of the things I remember most about Lackland was the lengthy marches we trekked daily to accomplish one thing

or another. Also memorable were the Training Instructors (TIs) yelling at me whenever I was out of line, out of step, or for a myriad of other reasons. I remember lying in my bunk during the wee morning hours and hearing the TI interrogate the dorm guard in an attempt to gain access to the dorm without rendering the proper identification. Once in, I remember hearing him walk through the dorm with his tap-clad boots, seeing his Smokey the Bear Hat, and his seemingly immense stature silhouetted against the dim light of the dormitory. It was enough to scare the heck out of even the toughest basic trainee. In addition, there are also some phrases that are unique to Lackland as well such, as "Road Guards Out" and the "Lackland Laser," which is still in use today.

The purpose of Basic Military Training is to train new recruits on military life, customs and courtesies, codes and regulations, and how to have a successful military career. The training I experienced thirty-four years ago is certainly not the same as what is currently being taught. This doesn't mean that basic trainees aren't learning the same things. They are learning that and much more as the U.S. Air Force keeps up with the ever-changing threats facing our nation. Today's basic trainees are modern day warriors, trained to survive and operate in various threat environments such as chemical, biological and nuclear warfare.

There are some additional changes to Basic Military Training that will be implemented in October which will change the length of training from six to eight weeks. This change is indicative of the Air Force leadership's commitment to ensuring our basic military trainees learn the necessary war fighting skills to survive and operate in various environments and in joint

service operations.

Another change is the integration of family into the military experience. When I graduated from basic, I don't remember seeing more than a handful of

parents and siblings attending the graduation ceremony. This is definitely not the case today - a change I think is absolutely incredible. Lackland now hosts "Family Day" which promotes family members' involvement in the Airman's new military career.

As much as recruiters would love to enlist only the "cream of the crop," that is not always the case. Some recruits are truly model children and citizens, but others are less fortunate coming from broken homes and poverty. Some join the military as a last ditch effort to stay out of jail. With that being said, imagine these parents coming together from diverse backgrounds to share in their children's achievements and graduation from basic training.

When I stopped by the Base Exchange, I was overwhelmed by the number of family members present there. I decided to grab some lunch and observe family members interacting with their new Airman. I have to admit I was totally impressed with what I saw. I saw parents of young men and women walking around with their chests puffed out with pride over their child's accomplishments. Some of these parents had undoubtedly served in the Air Force or other branch of the military and knew only



Photo by Master Sgt. Ken Wright

Airmen participate in a rite of passage shared by all enlisted Airmen -- the Basic Military Training graduation parade. The parade of 15 squadrons marked the end of the six-week training period for about 750 of the Air Force's newest Airmen.

too well what basic training was all about. You could see their pride as they shared somewhat of a fraternal relationship with their child. Imagine parents who may have had children who were troublemakers in the past, now standing in front of those same children and being referred to as "Sir" and "Ma'am." Surely they were wondering if this was really that same child.

For me too, I couldn't help but feel a great sense of pride as I looked at the young individuals who will ultimately be the leaders of tomorrow's Air Force. Even as merely a spectator, I was proud of their successful accomplishments as well.

I am glad I had the opportunity to revisit Lackland. It was truly a rewarding experience in many ways, and I will tuck it away in my memory bank to reflect on from time to time. In the event any of you have children or relatives that are joining a branch of the military, I would strongly encourage you to attend their graduation. It is important to share their excitement of the successful completion of a dynamic and demanding course. I guarantee you, if one of my children was to join the military, there is absolutely no way I would miss their graduation regardless of what branch they chose to join.

TAILFLASH



Photo by Tech Sgt. David J. Loeffler

A member of the 144th Security Forces fires the M249 SAW Light Machine Gun at an advancing adversary Jan. 3, 2008, while conducting training at Camp San Luis Obispo, Calif.

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